

## **Thank you!!**

It was really great time spent listening to the story of the storyteller Ms Padmini Rangarajan. It was a hot summer afternoon in Hyderabad and my interview with her had turned out to be such a refreshing conversation!

We started talking about ourselves a bit and it was but natural to take a plunge into her story, so beautifully endearing, inspiring and interesting.

I was privy to hear about a few of her past narrations and I could see the stories and the characters come alive in front of my eyes. I don't think, I would ever be able to forget Mallu and Malli.

I am grateful for those couple of hours where I could not only learn about her story but also about the insurmountable amount of social engineering she has put into her work as a storyteller, auditor, performer, teacher and the founder of Spoothi theatre.

For me, it was not only an evening of learning but also the joy of connecting and bonding with someone so inspirational but so down to earth. She has added a new dimension to my journey and I sincerely hope many more come to know her story! Her passion for the art of puppetry and the several accolades garnered over the years from various festivals, government ministries and organisations, tell much more than I would be able to say in one go.

Even after constantly engaging with numerous art festivals and art appreciation circles both within the state and nationally, she remains so very approachable to grass root issues such as education and social upliftment. Untiringly.

As a storyteller, that was what I took away as an inspiration.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

Best

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